

of a revelation, by Joseph Smith Junr. given over the boundary, east of Jackson Co. Missouri, on Sunday morning July 17, 1831, when seven Elders, viz: Joseph Smith Junr. Oliver Bowdler, W. W. Phelps, Martin Harris, Joseph Coe, Ziba Peterson and Joshua Leas, united their hearts in prayer, in a private place, to inquire of the Lord who should ^{preach} the first sermon to the remnants of the Lamanites and Nephites, and the people of that section, that should ^{assemble} that day, in the Indian Country, to hear the gospel and the revelations according to the Book of Mormon.

Among the company there being neither pen, ink, or paper, Joseph remarked that the Lord could preserve his words, as he had ever done, till the time appointed, and proceeded:-

- 1 Verily, verily, saith the Lord, your Redeemer, even Jesus Christ, the light and the life of the world, ye cannot discern with your natural eyes, the design and the purpose of your Lord and your God, in bringing ^{you} this people into wilderness for a trial of your faith, - and to be especial witnesses to bear testimony of this land, upon which the Zion of God shall be built up in the last day, when it is redeemed.
- 2 Verily, inasmuch as ye are united in calling upon my name to know my will concerning who shall preach to the inhabitants that shall assemble this day to hear what new doctrine ye have to teach them, ye have done wisely, for so did the ancient prophets, even Enoch, and Abraham, and others: and therefore, it is my will that my servant Oliver Bowdler should open the meeting with prayer; that my servant W. W. Phelps should preach the discourse; and that my servants Joseph Coe and Ziba Peterson should bear testimony as they shall be moved by the Holy Spirit. This will be pleasing in the sight of your Lord.
- 3 Verily, I say unto you, ye are laying the foundation of a great work for the salvation of as many as will believe and repent, and obey the ordinances of the gospel, and continue faithful to the end; for, as I live, saith the Lord, so shall they live.
- 4 Verily I say unto you, that the wisdom of man in his fallen state, knoweth not the purposes and the privileges of my Holy priesthood, but ye shall know, when ye receive a fulness by reason of that anointing: for it is my will, that in time, ye should take unto you wives of the Lamanites and Nephites, that their posterity may become white, delightsome and just, for even now their females are more virtuous than the Gentiles.
- 5 Gird up your loins and be prepared for the mighty work of the Lord - to prepare the world for my second coming - to meet the tribes of Israel according to the prediction of all the holy prophets since the beginning: for the final desolation and decrees upon Babylon: for, as the everlasting gospel is carried from this land in love for peace, to gather mine elect from the four quarters of the earth for Zion, even so shall rebellion follow after speedily, with hatred for war, until the consumption decreed shall make a full end of all the kingdoms and nations, that strive to govern themselves by the law and precept, and force and powers of men, under the curse of sin in all the world.
- 6 Verily, I say unto you, that the day of vexation and vengeance is nigh at the doors of this nation, when wicked, ungodly and daring men will rise up in wrath and might, and go forth in anger, like as the dust is driven by a terrible wind: And they shall be the means of the destruction of this government, and cause the death and misery of many souls: But ~~they~~ faithful among my people shall be preserved in holy places during all these tribulations.
- 7 Be patient, therefore, preserving your souls in peace and love, and keep

and from the common knowledge into you for the gathering of scattered of Israel, and so, I am with you, though you cannot see me, till I come: Amen.

Reported by W.W.P.

About three years after this given, I asked brother Joseph privately, how "we" that were mentioned in the revelation, could take "wives" from the natives, as we were all married men? He replied instantly, "In the same manner that Abraham took Hagar and Tamarah; and Jacob took Rachel, Bilhah and Zilpah, by revelation: the saints of the Lord are always directed by revelation."

Respectfully I have the faith to be,
as ever,

Aug. 12, 1861.

A.W.P.

Revelation Aug. 12, 1861
to W. Phelps to B. Young

Revelation about preaching the
first sermon to the Lemnites
& Nephites. Joseph's Remarks
on polygamy.

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the faith that is now believed unto you for the gathering of scattered Israel; and
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Repaired by M.W.P.

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Dear Father

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Rep. Ward A.B.

I thought I would

write a few lines to you a few lines which
have been I have been very
much for this week I am
better and I hope I will be

Not at all

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At last thou hast seen him who was given, & called brother Joseph Smith,
how we, that were unknown in the revelation, could tell what was from
the "revelation" we were all amazed at. He acted, instantly, & that
some men saw that Abraham took Hagar and Ishmael; and that both were
brought and Joseph; by revelation. The spirit of the Lord in always
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